CITY OF VANCOUVER

SPECIAL COUNCIL - NOVEMBER 22, 1979

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 22, 1979, at approximately 11:00 a.m., in the No. 1 Committee Room, Third Floor, City Hall for the purpose of considering the Community Services Contribution Program.

PRESENT:

Mayor Volrich

Aldermen Bellamy, Ford, Gerard, Harcourt, Little, Marzari, Puil and Rankin

ABSENT:

Aldermen Boyce and Kennedy

CLERK TO COUNCIL:

G. Barden

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Ald. Bellamy, SECONDED by Ald. Puil,

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Volrich in the Chair, to consider the Community Services Contribution Program submissions.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Services Contribution Program 1.

The Council on November 6, 1979 referred consideration of a Manager's Report dated November 2, 1979 to a special meeting of Council on November 22, 1979, and requested the Provincial Government for an extension of the deadline for submission of the Community Services Contribution Program
Leport. It was noted that the extension had not been granted
to date, however, a copy of the project submissions, as was
presented to Council was sent to the Provincial Government to ensure that the Province had received the projects prior to the deadline in case no extension was forthcoming.

The Council had for consideration the referred Manager's Report together with a Manager's Report dated November 15, 1979 and a Manager's Report dated November 16, 1979, and an amended copy of project submissions dated October 1979. Circulated at the meeting was a report dated November 21, 1979 from the Super N.I.P./L.A.P. Committee regarding the program.

The Council discussed the priorities as set out in the submission report and following discussion, it was

MOVED by Ald. Bellamy,

SECONDED by Ald. Rankin,

THAT the project - 'Wall Street Pedestrian Overpass' - be designated Priority A.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clause No. 1 cont'd:

MOVED by Ald. Puil,
SECONDED by Ald. Little,
THAT the project - 'Granville and Marine Drive
Connection' - be designated Priority A.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Ford,

THAT the project - 'Centre Boulevard - 22nd Avenue,
Nanaimo to Renfrew' - be reviewed and the City Manager report
back.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Puil,
SECONDED by Ald. Harcourt,
THAT the project - 'Marpole-Oakridge Seniors and
Neighbourhood Place' - be designated Priority A.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Ford,

THAT the project - 'Sewer Separation - Marpole' - be
designated Priority A under Sanitary Sewer and Water Projects.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Little, SECONDED by Ald. Bellamy,

THAT the projects, as outlined in the Community Services Contribution Program report dated October 1979, with priorities as amended above, be approved for submission to the Provincial Government for funding under the Community Services Contribution Program.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Bellamy,
THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Little,
SECONDED by Ald. Ford,
THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The foregoing are Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday, 22nd November, 1979, adopted by Council on November 27, 1979.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE: November 15, 1979

T0:

Vancouver City Council

SUBJECT:

Community Services Contribution Program

CLASSIFICATION: Information

The Director of Finance reports as follows:

"On November 6, 1979, City Council gave consideration to a report of the City Manager which recommended submission to the Provincial Government of a list of projects for submission to the Community Services Contribution Program. Council subsequently passed the following two resolutions:

- THAT the report of the City Manager be referred to a special meeting of Council on Thursday, November 22, 1979.
- THAT the City Manager be requested to ask the Provincial Government for an extension to the deadline for submission of the Community Services Contribution Program report.

With respect to the second resolution, a request has been sent to the Province for an extension, although no reply has been received to date. In addition, a copy of projects submissions as was presented to Council was also sent to the Province. This was identified as a preliminary submission and subject to further consideration and amendment by City Council. This action was taken to insure that the Province had received the projects prior to the deadline in case no extension was forthcoming.

ADDENDUM

Attached to this report is an amended copy of the projects submissions. This version differs from the one previously distributed to Council on November 6, 1979, in that an ADDENDUM has been added for each project. The addendum is for Council's information only and will not be part of the submission to the Provincial Government. The addendum provides additional information on the history of each project, previous Council direction regarding the project, and an estimate of the operating costs associated with the project where applicable.

PRIORITY SETTING

In the guidelines issued by the Provincial Government for the Community Services Contribution Program, there is no written requirement for priority rating of the projects. However, from the City's perspective, it makes sense to establish some degree of priorities, both for the City's own internal reasons and also for strategic reasons. The internal considerations are that, by subjecting the projects to a priority rating process, the projects will be closely examined and possibly modified or rejected if appropriate. The priority rating process further provides a first-cut at priority ratings when the City's share of the project is considered within the total context of the City's capital budget.

From a strategic point of view, there is some value in providing the Province with priority ratings on the projects. Recognizing that the City is submitting a list of 35 projects, the Province may have difficulty in applying their own priority rating to the total list, and thus the City's input will assist them.

It is for these reasons that the Staff Committee developed the priority rating of A, B and C for all of the projects. The first year program previously submitted was prioritized in this manner.

The foregoing is submitted for Council's INFORMATION while reviewing the submissions for the Second Year Community Services Contribution Program.

MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE November 16, 1979

TO:

Vancouver City Council

SUBJECT:

Community Services Contribution Program - Additional Projects

CLASSIFICATION: RECOMMENDATION

The City Engineer reports as follows:

"BACKGROUND

At the November 6, 1979 meeting, Council reviewed a listing of recommended projects to be submitted to the Province as a part of the Community Services Contribution Program. Council deferred action relative to the City's submission to a special meeting scheduled for November 22, 1979.

Since the November 6th submission of projects and priorities, two additional projects have been identified for consideration. These two projects, which are still in the formulation stages, are summarized below:

- 1. A new or improved connector between Granville Street and S.W. Marine to relieve the congestion at 70th and Granville.
- 2. A pedestrian bridge across Wall Street to provide a safe crossing serving New Brighton Park.

Although Council has only reviewed these projects in a preliminary sense, this report recommends that they be submitted for inclusion in the City's proposed Community Services Contribution Program.

GRANVILLE AND MARINE DRIVE CONNECTION

The Marpole Local Area Planning Process identified a serious problem of traffic shortcutting on local residential streets around the congested intersection of Granville Street and 70th Avenue. This traffic has a substantial impact on the neighbourhood to the southwest of the intersection. Proposals to redevelop this neighbourhood have been delayed pending resolution of the traffic problem. Policy #22, subsequently approved by Council, instructed that a detailed analysis of traffic alternatives be prepared.

A preliminary analysis has been performed and six alternatives have been identified. The best potential solution in the longer term involves construction of a new connector to bypass the congested area. In order to implement this solution, funds are required for property acquisition, estimated at approximately \$600 000. Following completion of the project, the residential community would be freed of all through traffic, permitting a comprehensive redevelopment to proceed.

The various alternatives have been presented to the Marpole LAP Committee. They were well received, but no formal position has been taken by the Committee. The alternatives have not been presented to Council previously, although planning, design and presentation to the public and Council could occur in early 1980.

WALL STREET PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS

Council has requested a study of the costs of constructing a pedestrian overpass to serve New Brighton Park. The project was initiated to serve the pedestrian crossing needs of patrons of the New Brighton Park and pool. Traffic conditions in the area make crossing the road difficult and, in the summer, the pool attracts large crowds of which about 35% walk across Wall Street. The cost of such an overpass and associated sidewalks is approximately \$250 000.

Further coordination is required to ensure that the design is compatible with Provincial highway plans in the area. If this issue is resolved and Council approvals received, construction could proceed in 1980.

RECOMMENDATION

Two additional projects have been identified for possible inclusion in the Community Services Contribution Program, as noted below:

- 1. Granville and Marine Drive Connection property acquisition, \$600 000.
- 2. Wall Street Pedestrian Overpass \$250 000.

The City Engineer recommends that the Granville and Marine Drive Connection and the Wall Street Pedestrian Overpass projects be included in the Community Services Contribution Program application."

The City Manager RECOMMENDS that the foregoing recommendation of the City Engineer be approved.

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